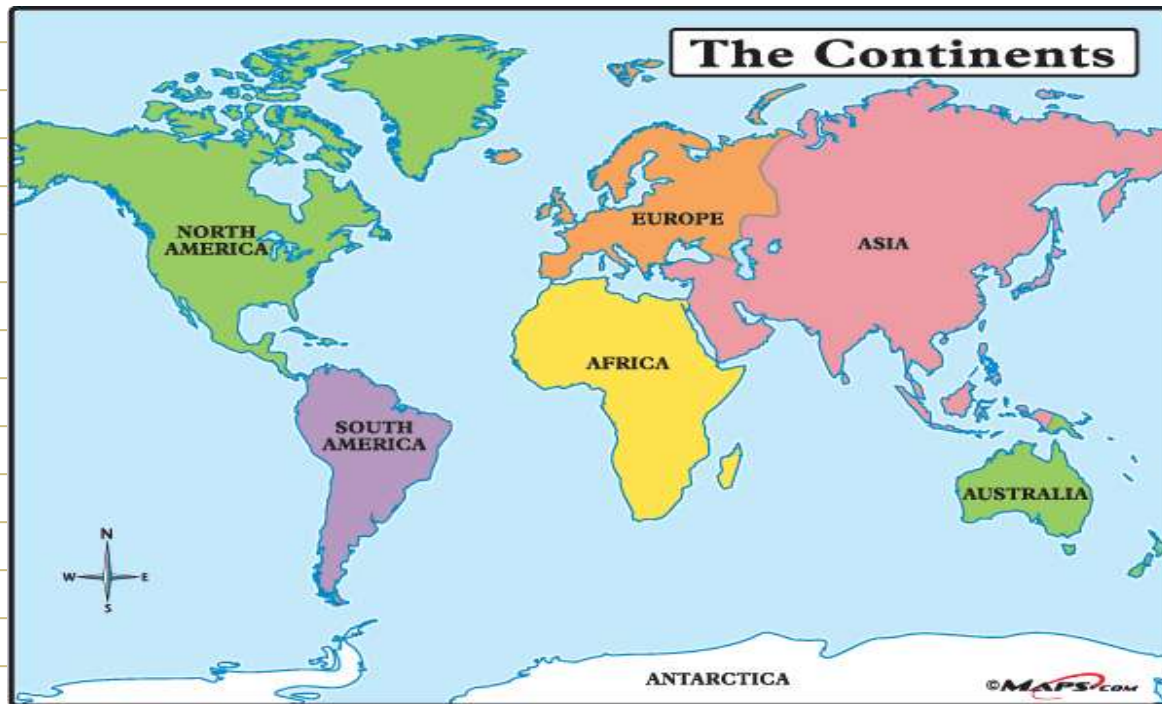


Continent

- one of the large landmasses of the Earth.



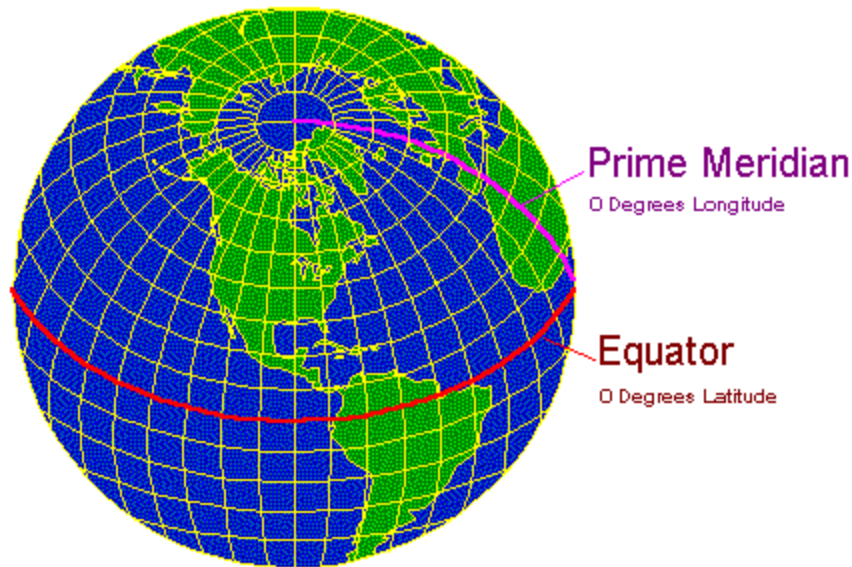
Hemisphere

- 1/2 of the World; either divided by the Equator or the Prime Meridian.



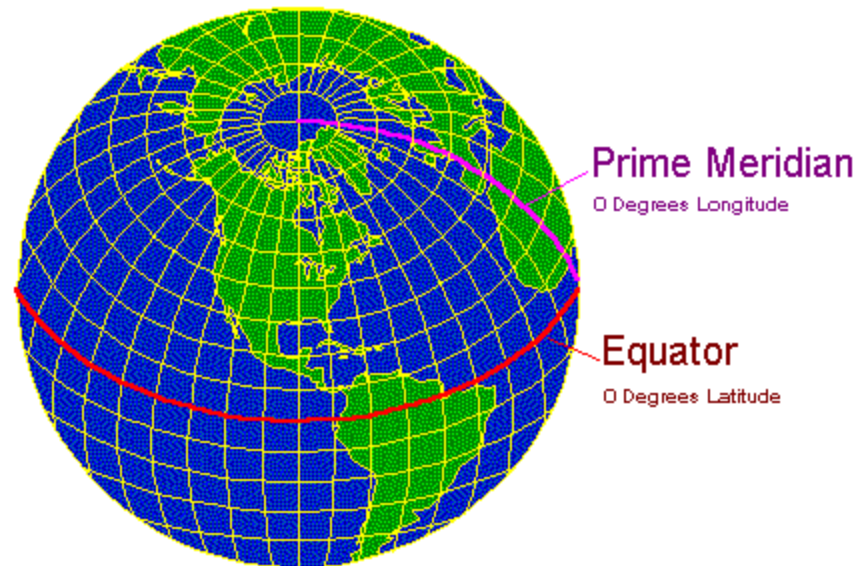
Equator

- A latitude line that is at 0 degrees.
All other lines of latitude are measured from the Equator.



Prime Meridian

- A longitude line that is at 0 degrees. All other longitude lines are measured from the Prime Meridian.



Latitude

- The lines on a map or globe that run east to west. These lines measure the distance north or south of the Equator.



Port

- A city with a harbor.



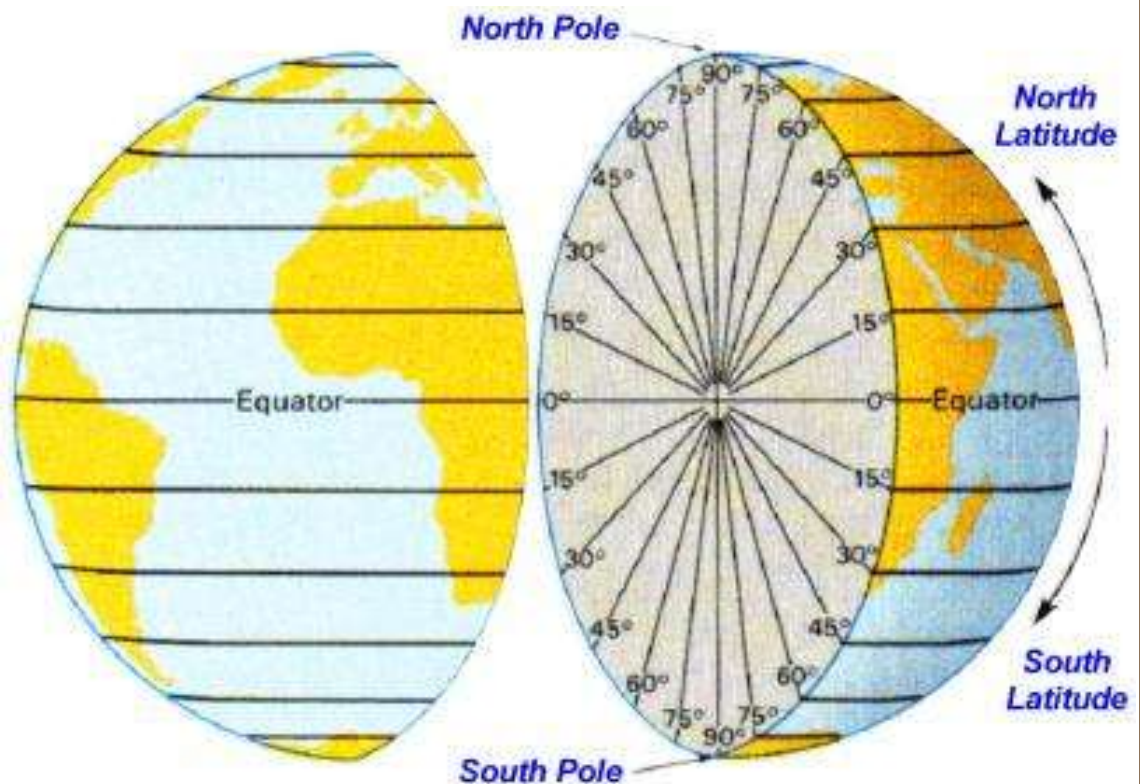
Glade

- Small open space in a forest.



Parallel

- The name for a line of latitude.



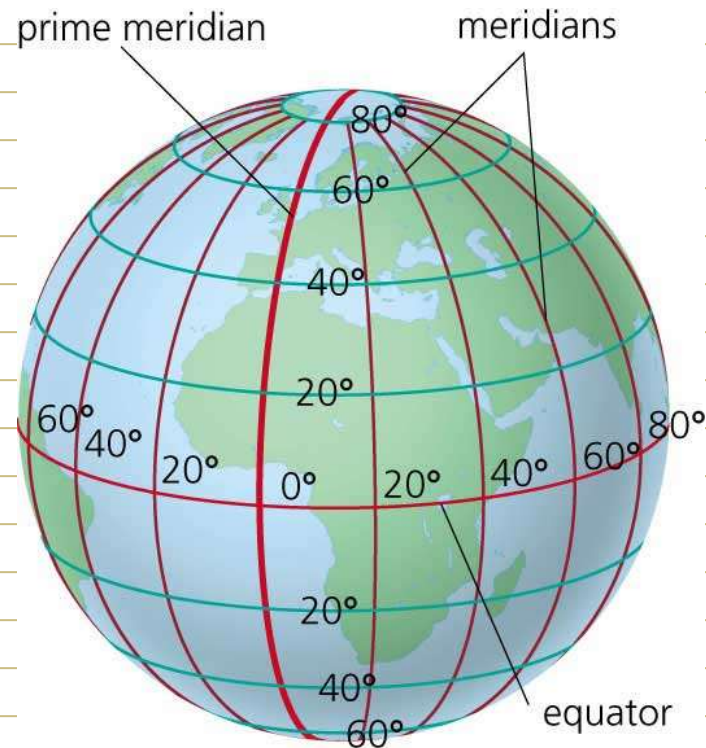
Longitude

- The lines on a map or globe that run north to south. These lines measure the distance east or west of the Prime Meridian.



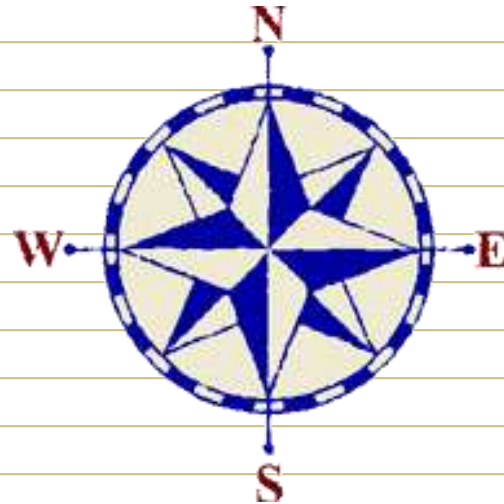
Meridian

- The name for a line of longitude.



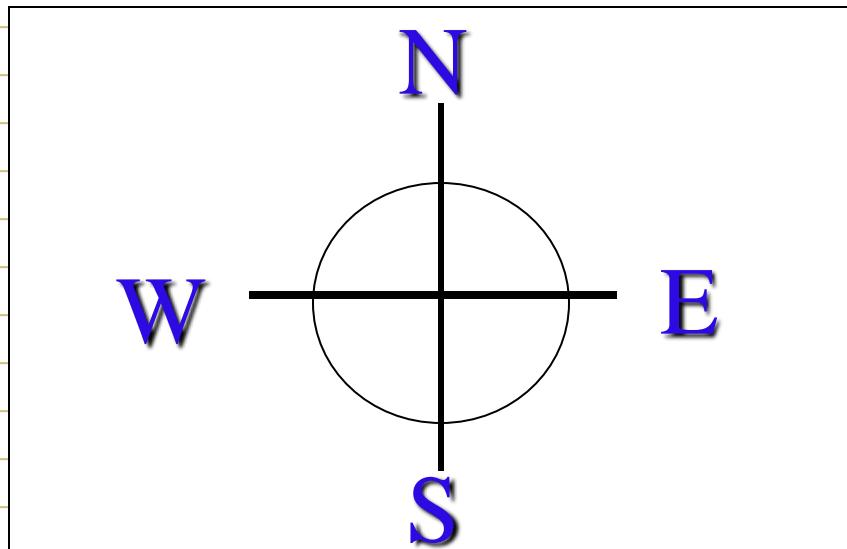
Compass Rose

- a star-like drawing of the points of a compass showing the cardinal and intermediate directions.



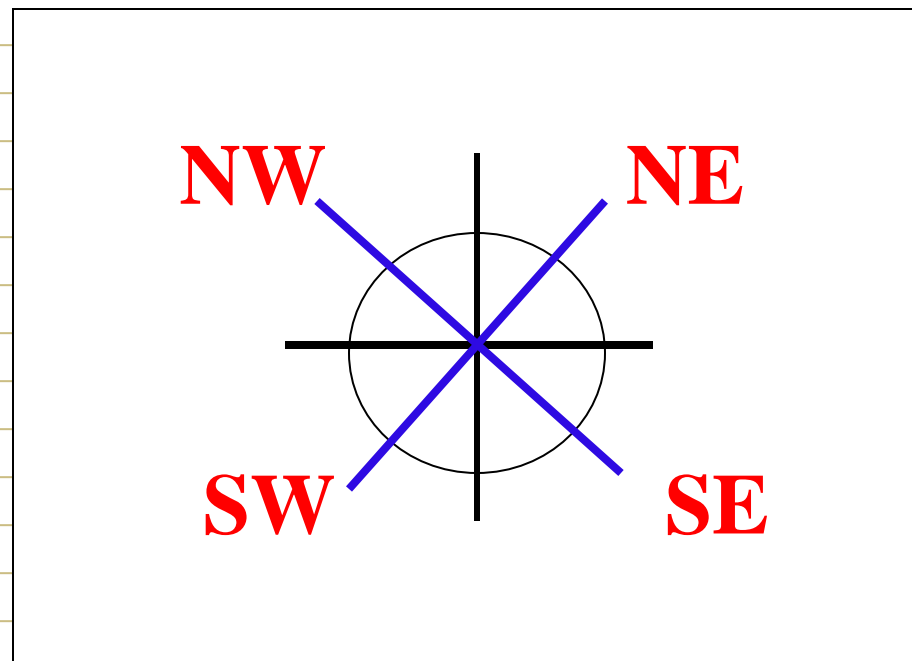
Cardinal Directions

The four main directions -
North, South, East and West.



Intermediate Directions

The points half way between the Cardinal Directions.



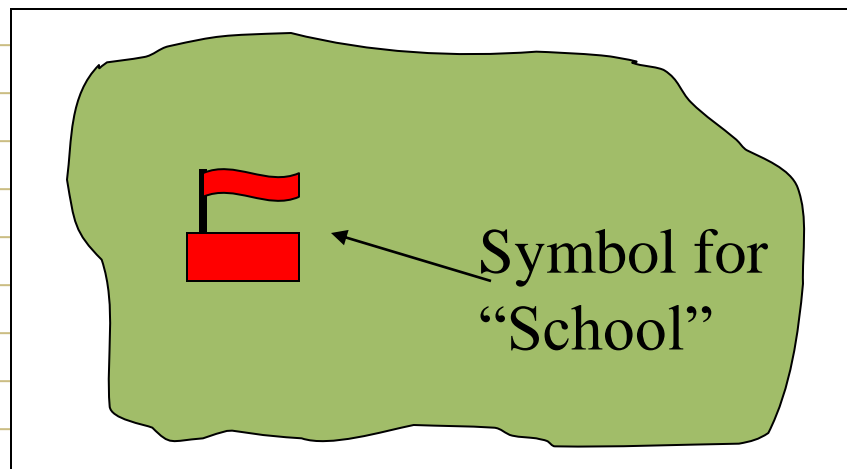
Scale

- shows us relative size of an area
- measures distance






Symbol

A picture on a map that stands for something.



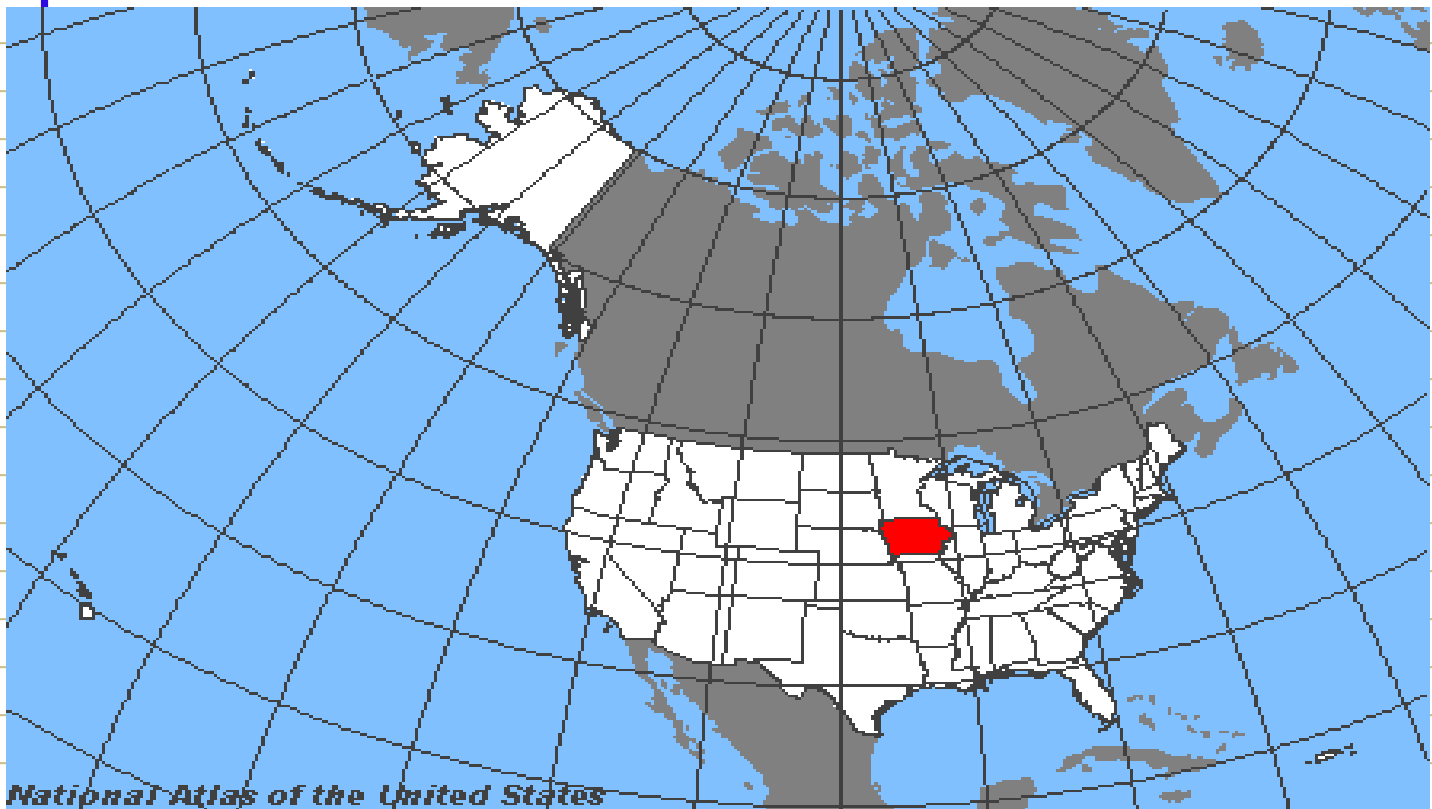
Legend/Map Key

A “key” to the symbols on a map.

- | | |
|---|-----------------|
|  | = Capital City |
|  | = Small Town |
|  | = National Park |

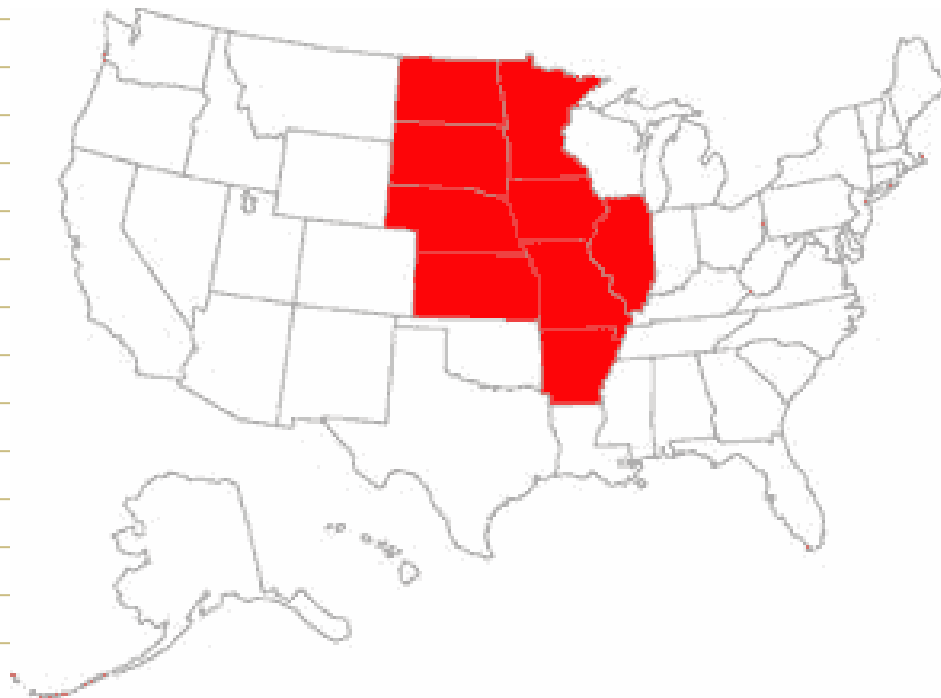
Locator Map

- A map that shows where in the world a specific area is located.



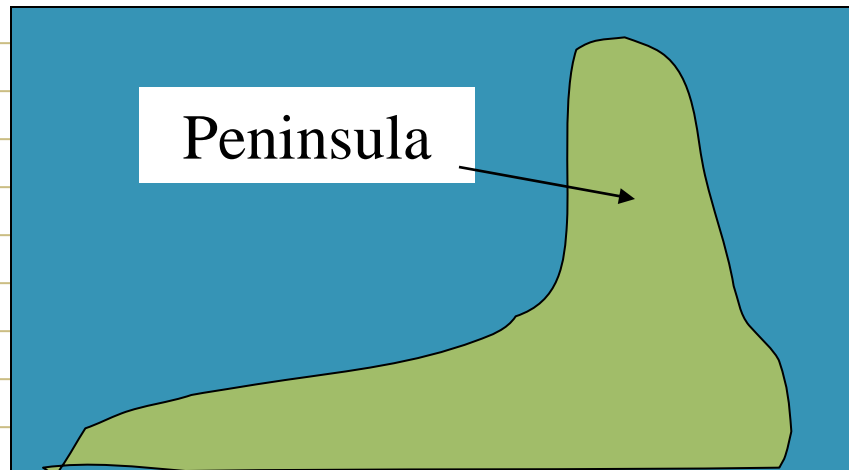
Region

- An area that shares one or more features.



Peninsula

A piece of land surrounded by water on three sides.

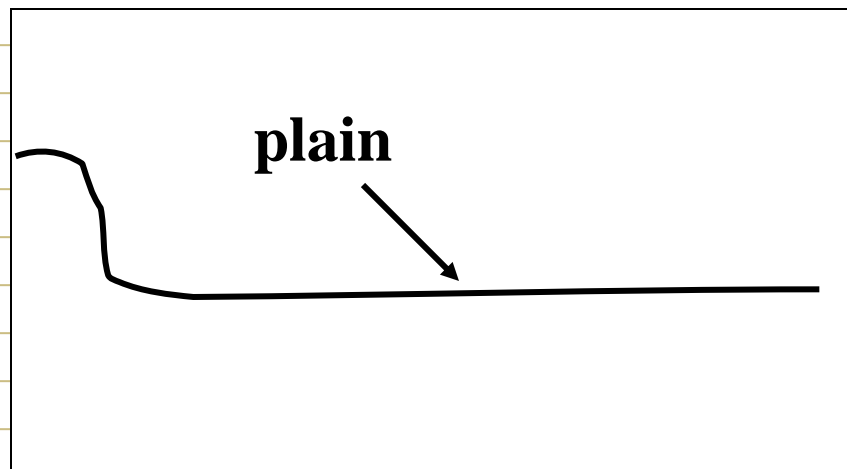


Peninsula



Plain

A broad, smooth, flat area of land.

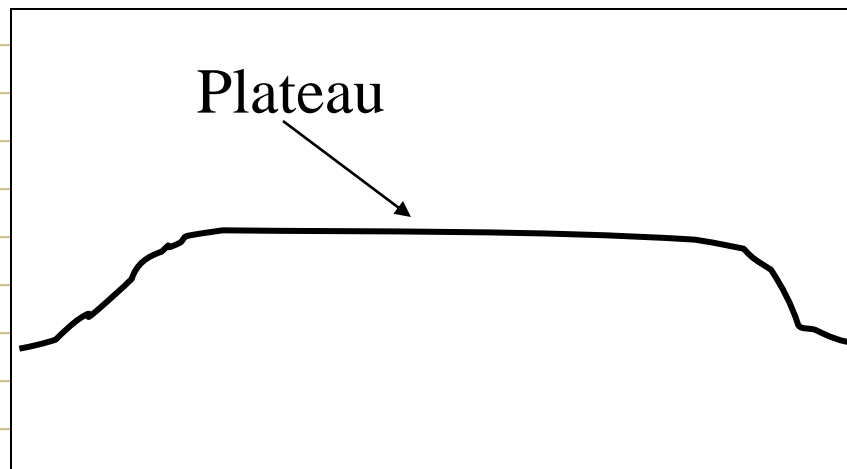


Plain



Plateau

Flat, elevated land.



Plateau

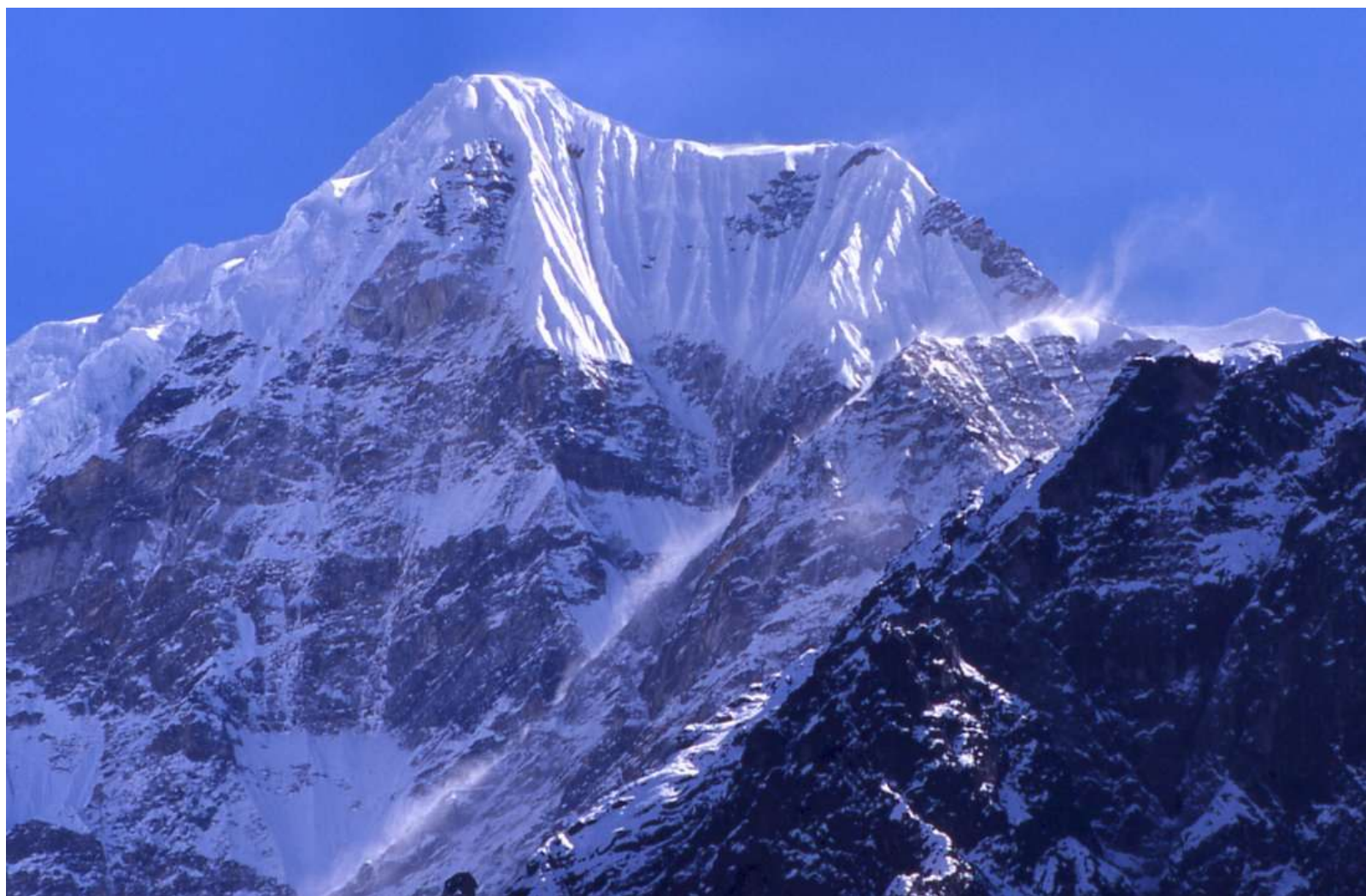


Mountain Range

- A series of mountains bordered by lowlands.



Mountain Range

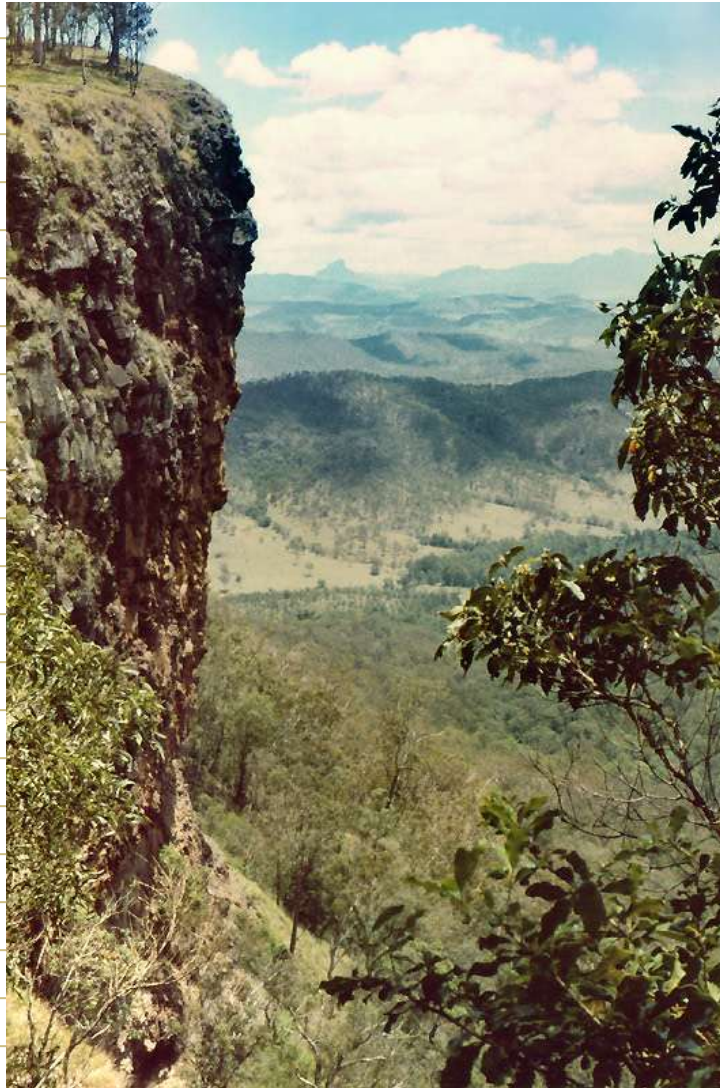


Bluff

- A high steep bank (usually formed by river erosion).

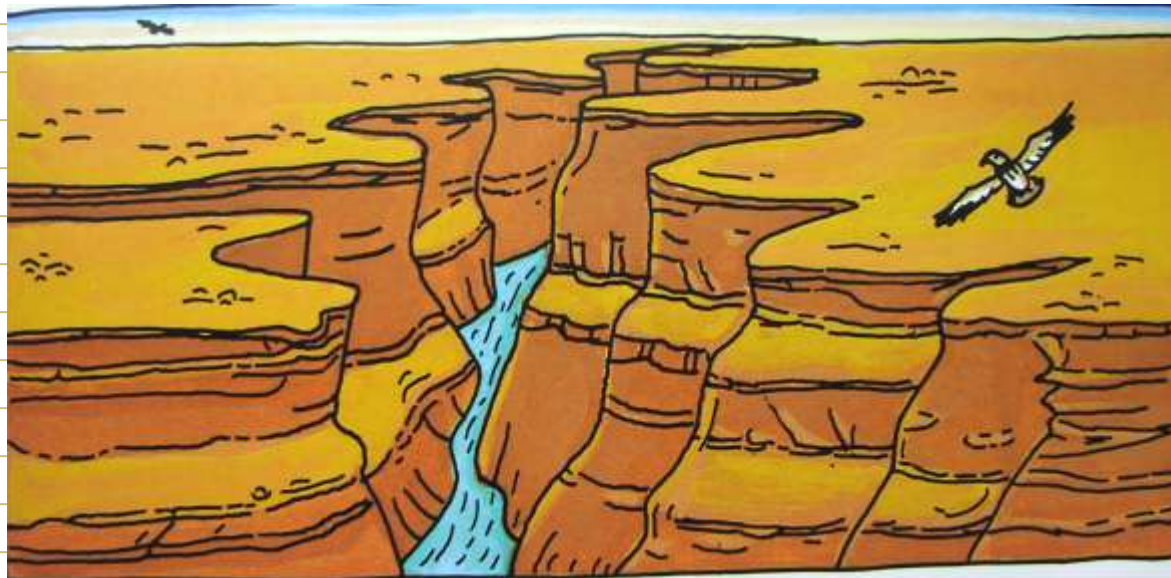


Bluff



Canyon

A deep, narrow valley with steep, rocky sides.



Canyon



Reservoir

- A lake of stored water created by dams along rivers.

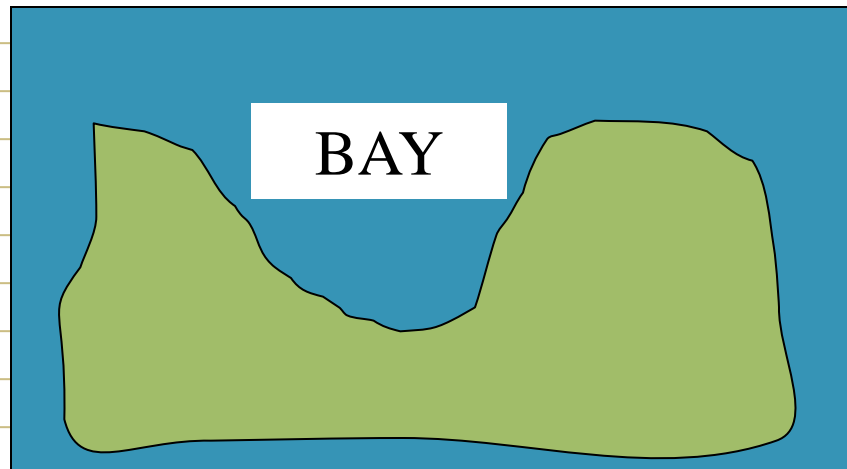


Reservoir



Bay

A part of the ocean that extends into the land.



Bay



Bank

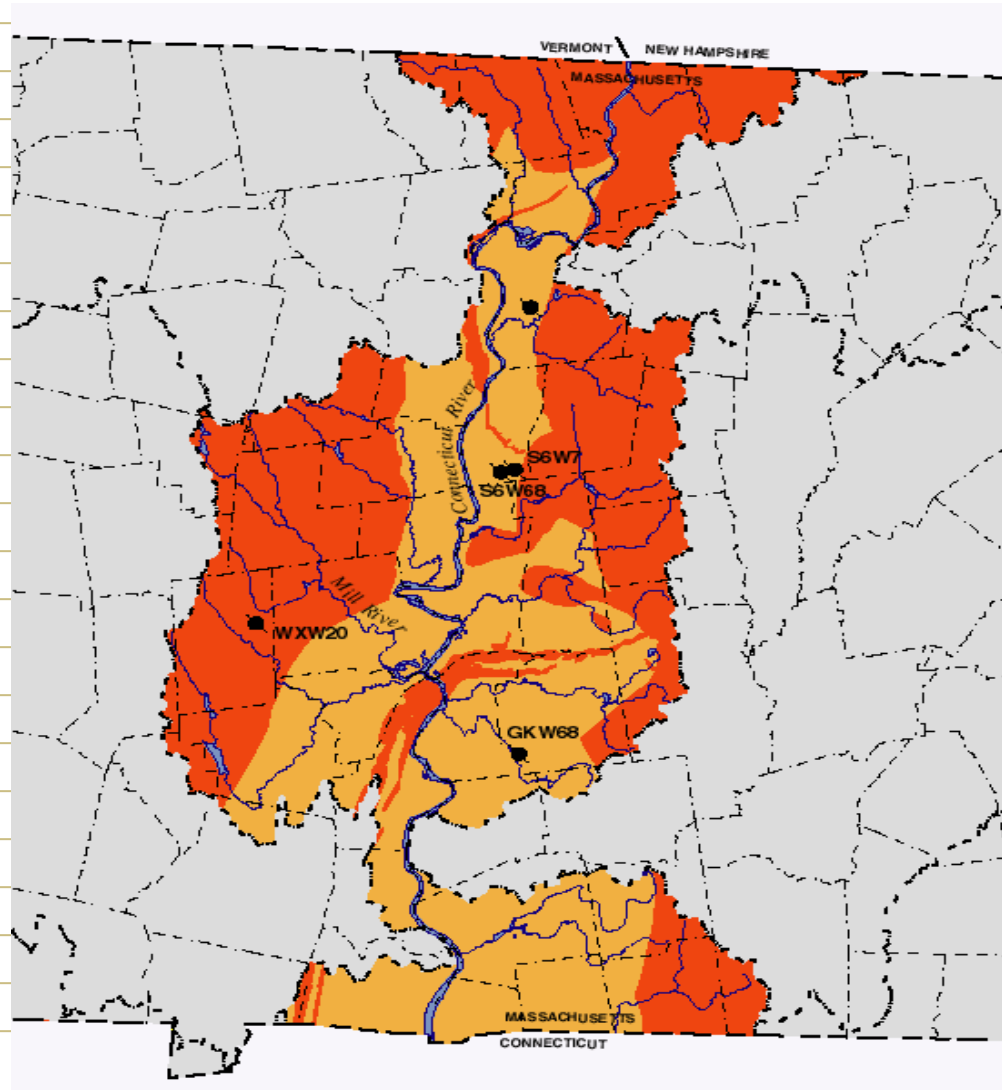
A downward sloping of the land that is found next to water.



Basin

- An area that has been drained by a river. The land that makes up a river basin drains into a river.

Connecticut River Basin



Branch

- a small stream that flows into the main stream or river.



Breaker

- A wave that breaks into foam along the shore.



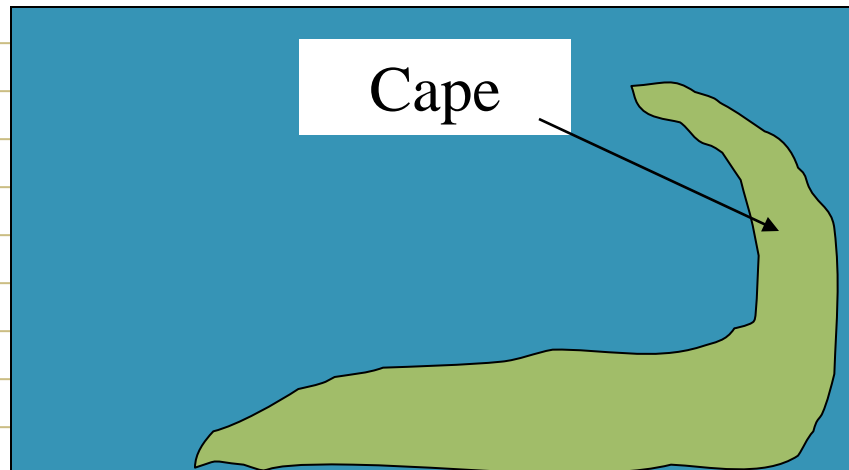
Canal

- Man-made waterways, usually connecting existing lakes, rivers, or oceans.



Cape

A piece of land extending out into the ocean.



Cape



Cliff

- A steep and almost vertical drop on a rock exposure.



Coast

- Land next to the sea.



Cove

- A small sheltered bay in the shoreline of a sea, river, or lake.



Desert

An area of dry land where few plants grow.



Desert



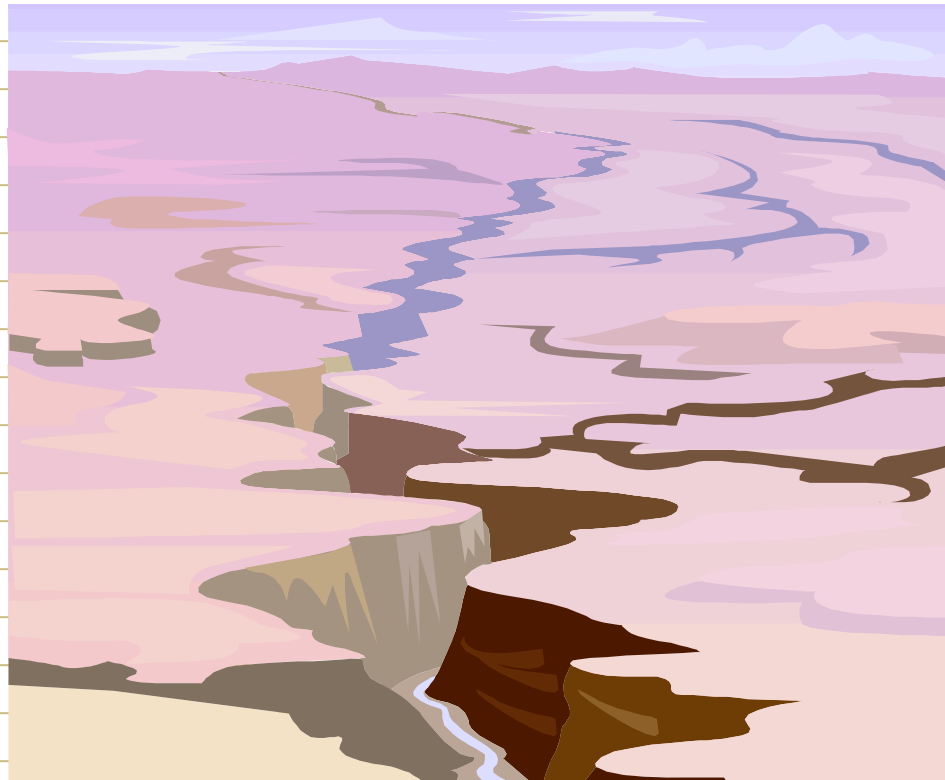
Gulf

A large inlet of ocean or sea that is partially surrounded by land (bigger and deeper than a bay).



Gorge

A deep steep-sided valley (small canyon).



Island

A landmass that is smaller than a continent and surrounded by water.



Island

Hawaii



Kauai



Oahu

Honolulu



Molokai



Lanai



Maui



Big
Island



40 km

Channel

A broad strait, especially one that connects two seas.



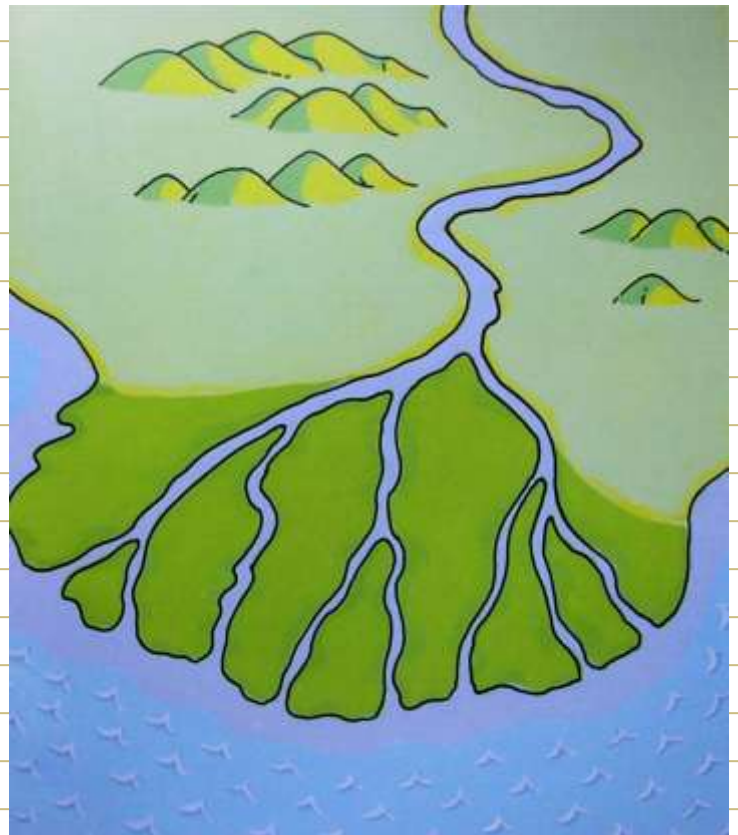
Country

The territory of a nation or state.



Delta

A fan-shaped deposit of mud and sand, found at the mouths of many rivers.



Delta



Divide

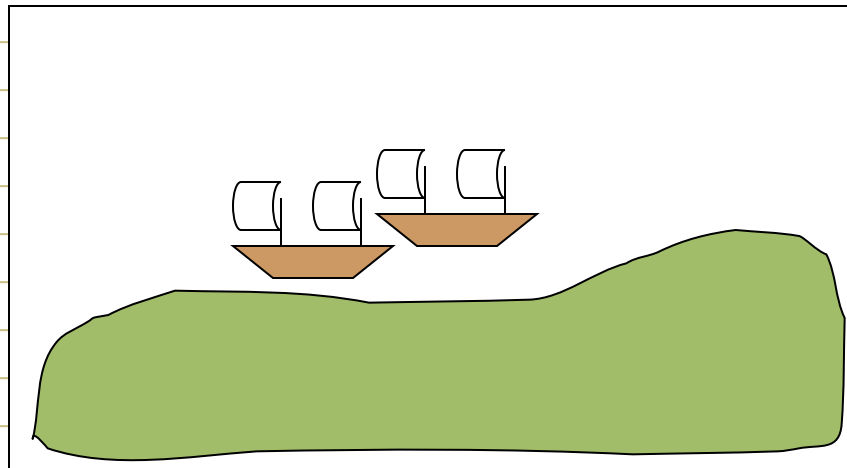
- A ridge of land that separates two drainage areas or watersheds.

Divide



Harbor

A safe area of water for boats to dock.

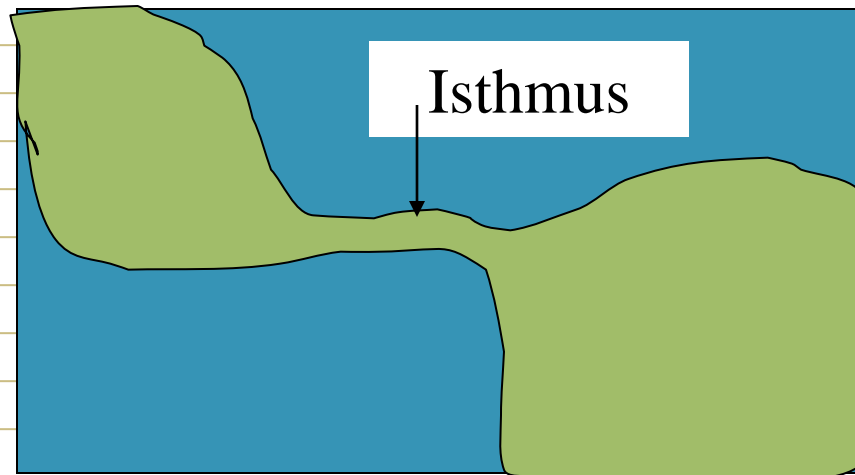


Harbor



Isthmus

A narrow piece of land connecting two larger pieces of land.

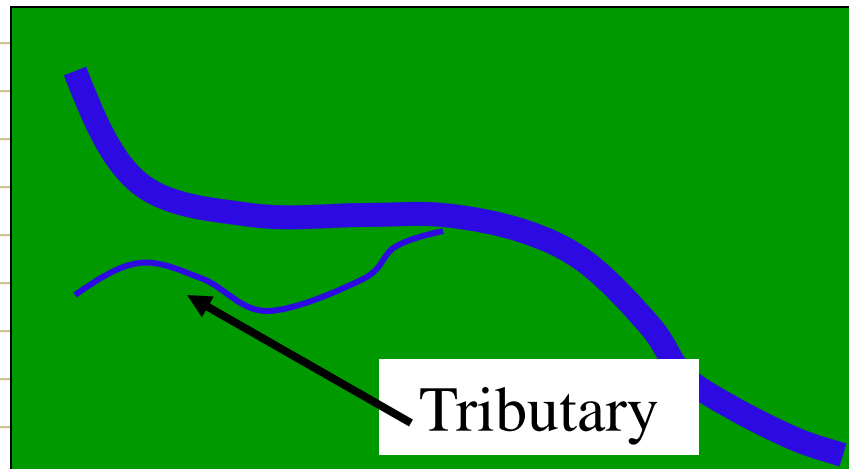


Isthmus



Tributary

A small river leading to a larger river.



Tributary



Natural Resources

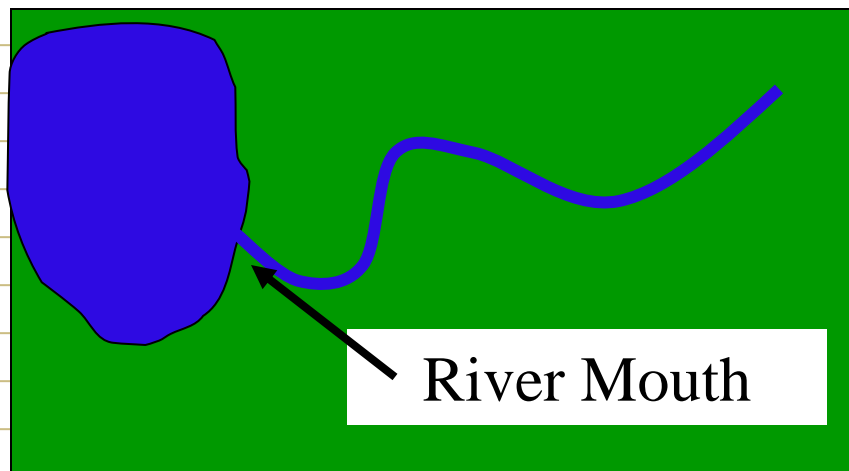
Supplies we need that come from the earth.

Examples

- coal
- iron ore
- fish

River Mouth

The place where the river empties.

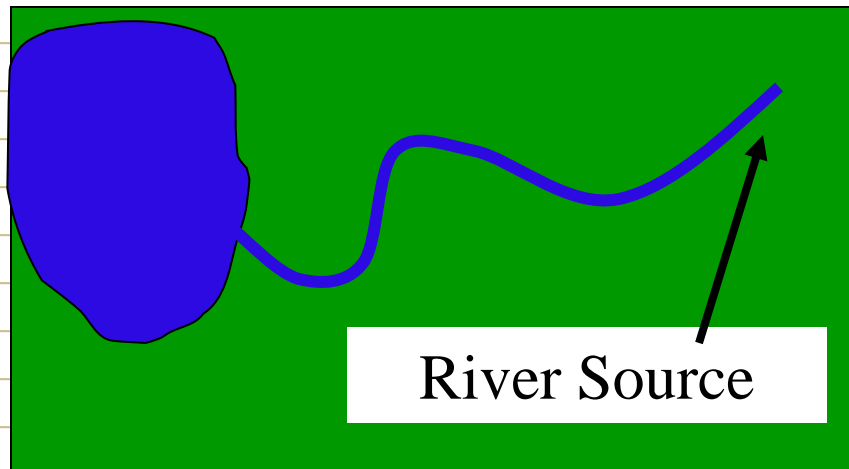


River Mouth



River Source

The place where the river begins.



River Source



Wetland

Ground soaked with water all year or part of it.

Examples

- Swamps

- Bogs

- Marshes

Wetland



Lake

- a body of (usually fresh) water surrounded by land.



Mesa

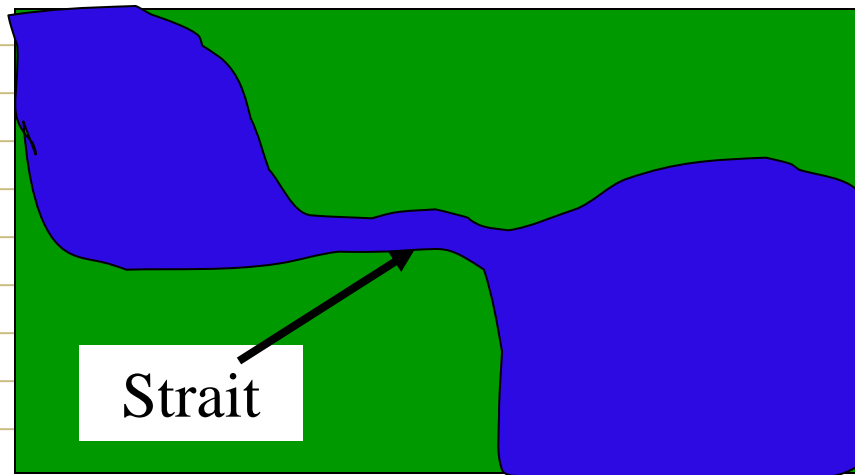
- A hill with a flat top or a small plateau with steep sides.

Mesa



Strait

A narrow body of water connecting to larger bodies of water.



Strait

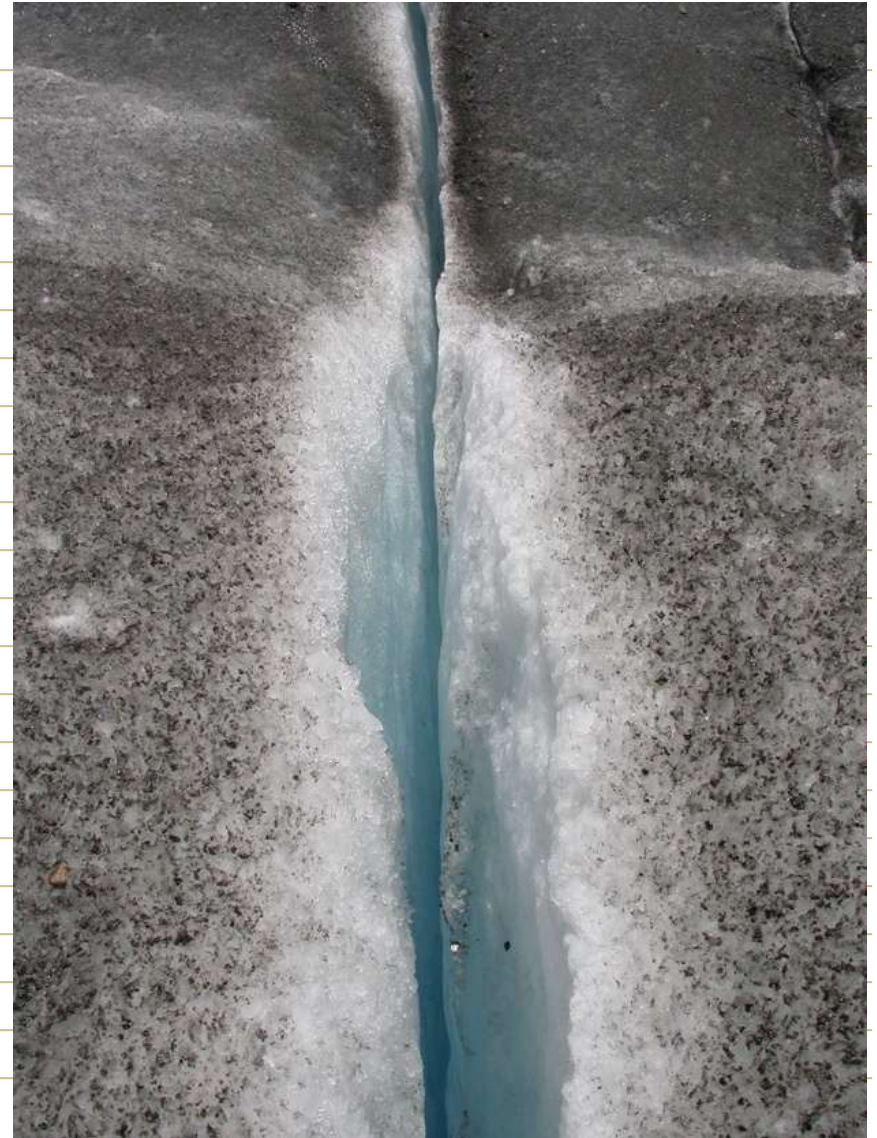


Crevasse

A deep crack in either the ice on top of a glacier or the ground after an earthquake.



Crevasse



Ford

A shallow place in a stream where people and animals can safely wade from one bank to another.



Ford



Sound

A long, broad ocean inlet that is roughly parallel to the coast.

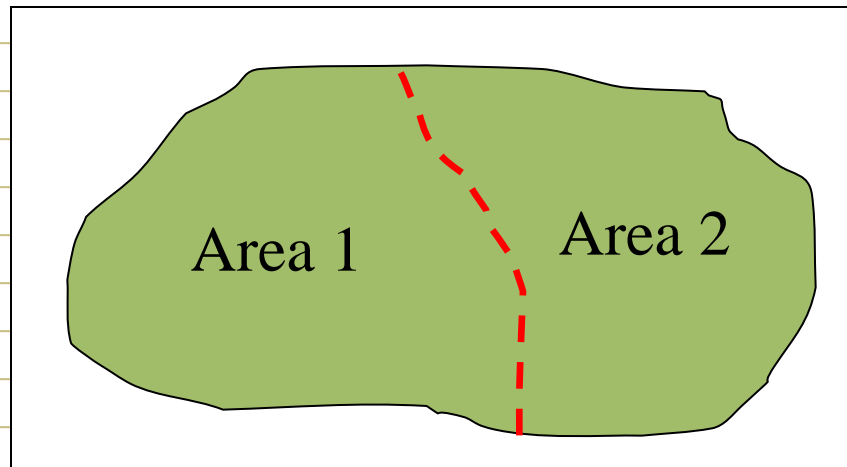


Sound



Boundary Line

A line (usually dotted) that separates two areas on a map.



Landform

A feature of the earth's surface.

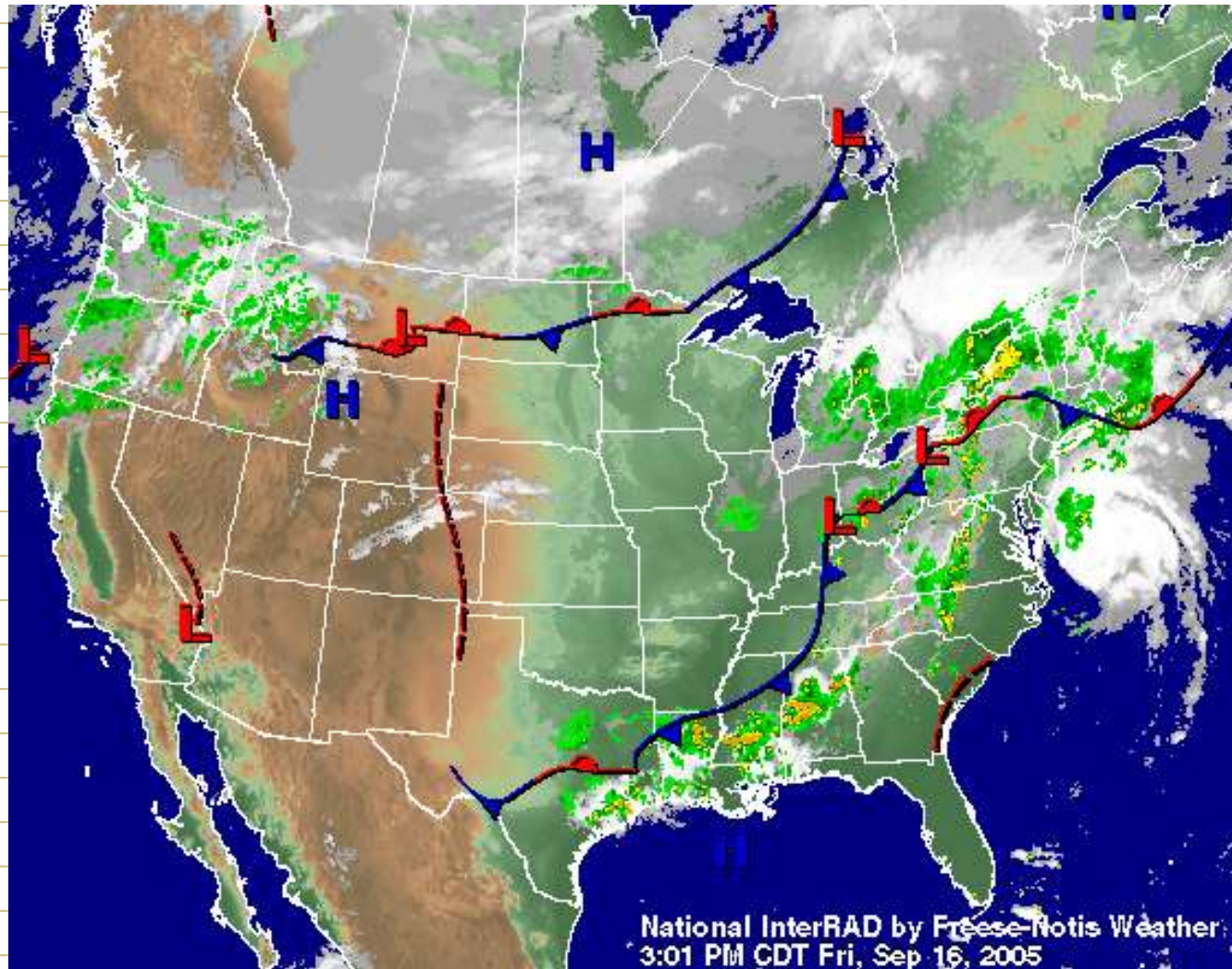
Examples

- hills
- valleys
- rivers

Climate

The usual pattern of weather
in a place.

Climate

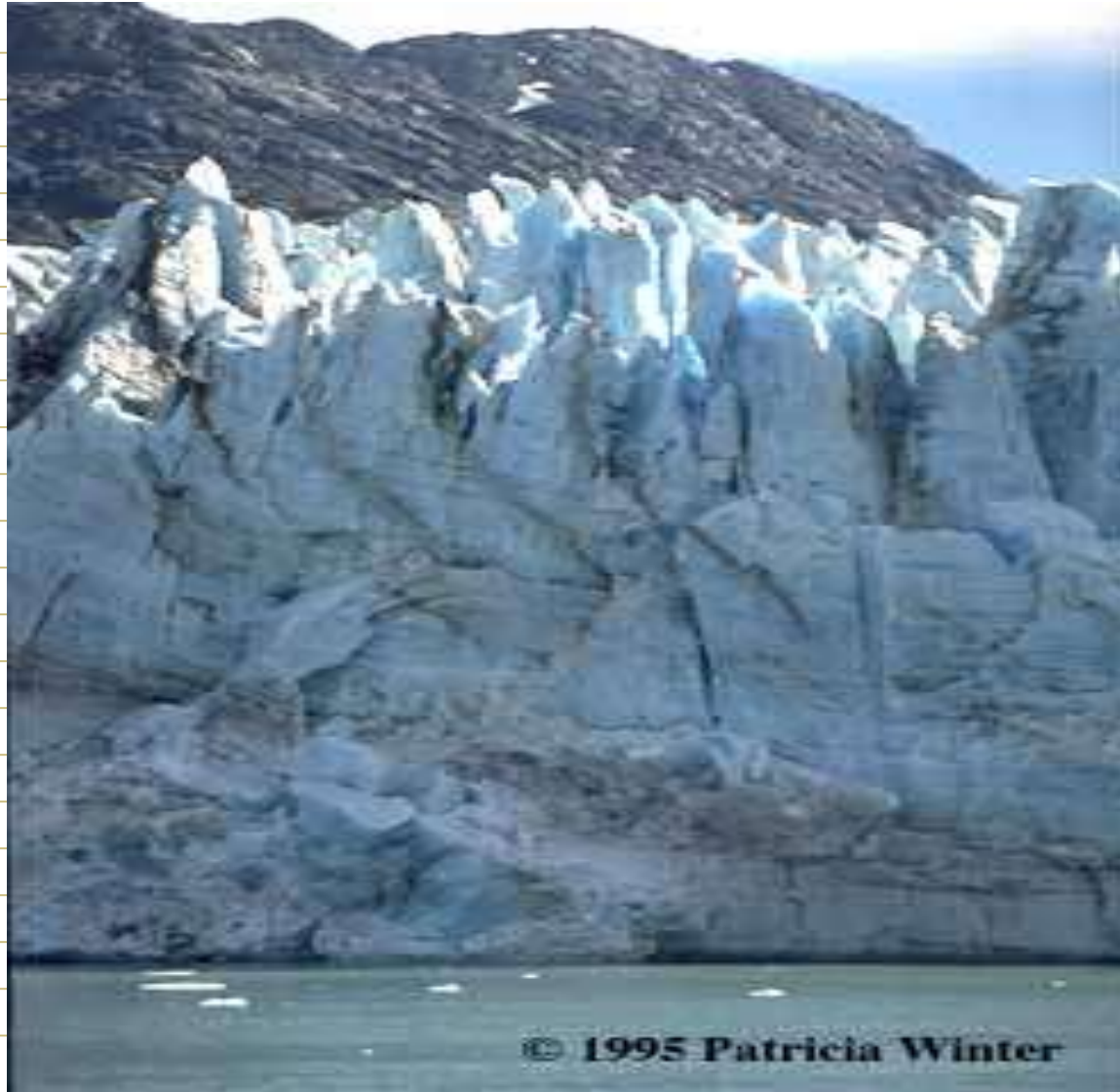


Glacier

A thick sheet of ice and compacted snow covering a large area of land.



Glacier



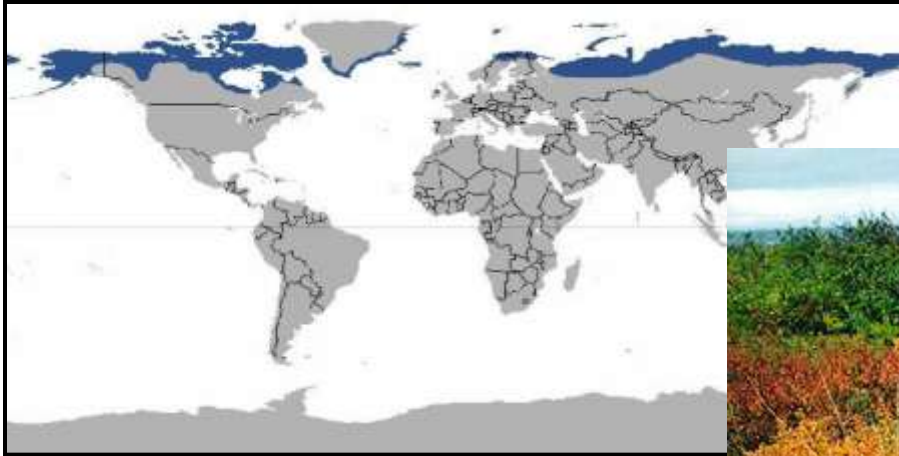
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Tundra

A huge, treeless plain bordering the Arctic Ocean. **Alpine tundras** are found on mountain slopes at altitudes where trees cannot grow.



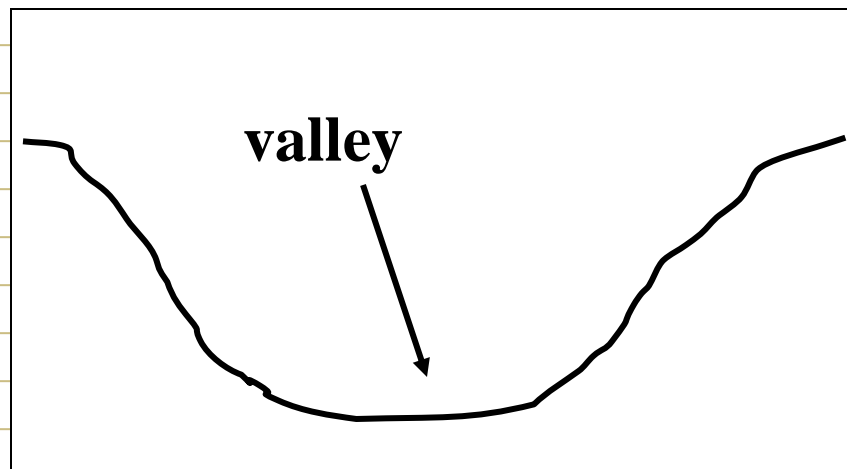
Tundra



Carol Cochran 1995 Arctic tundra, Alaska National Wildlife Refuge

Valley

Low area between mountains
(hills)

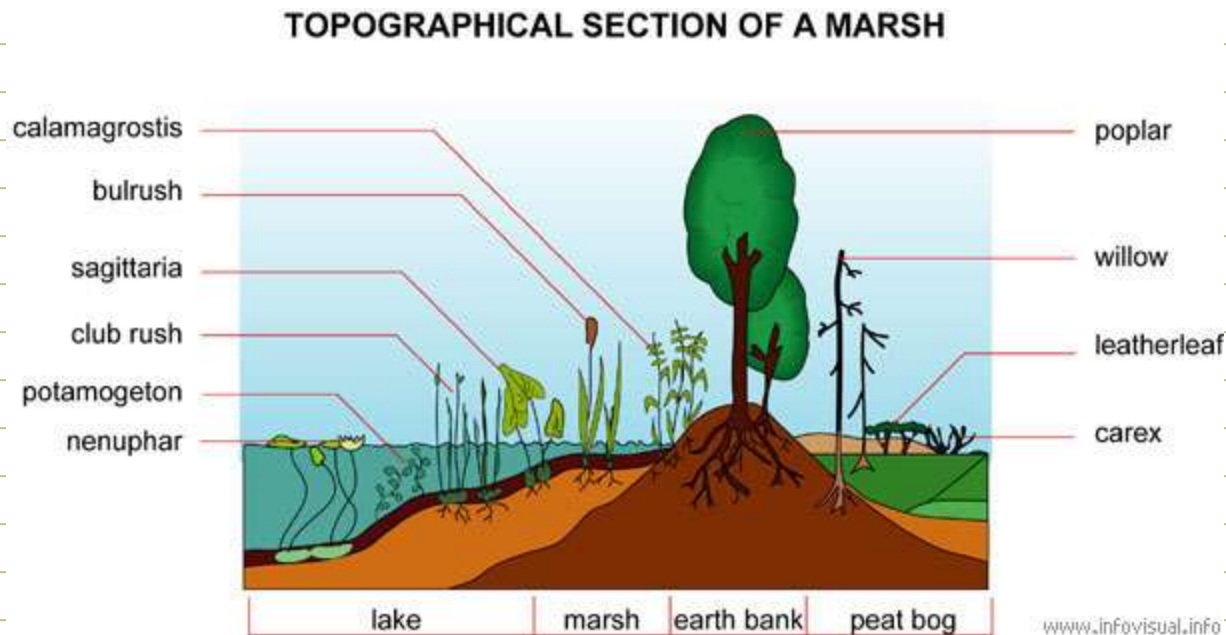


Valley



Marsh

- A low, spongy wetland covered with thick, healthy growths of tall grasses and reeds.



Marsh



Dune

- A mound or ridge of loose sand shaped by blowing winds.



Estuary

- the wide part of a river's lower end, where it meets the tides of the sea. A semi-enclosed coastal body of water .



Lagoon

- A shallow bay or lake, usually connected with the sea.



Surf

- The breaking of waves on a beach.



OCEAN

- the large area of salt water covering approximately three quarters of the earth's surface.

